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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7453

INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY

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RABAT FOR ABATT

E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: EAID, EAGR, TS

SUBJ: PL-480/AMENDMENT

REF: STATE 154368, STATE 159292

1. PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL 40,000 METRIC TONS OF PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT FOR TUNISIA IN FISCAL YEAR 1977 WAS ANNOUNCED BY ASSOCIATE AID ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER JULY 7 AT TUNISIAN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED JULY 7 AND 8 BY EMBASSY AND AID OFFICERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES OF PLAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OFFICE OF CEREALS.

2. DIRECTOR OFFICE OF CEREALS ZARRAD GAVE UNEQUIVOCAL ASSURANCES THAT SHIPMENTS OF THIS ADDITIONAL 40,000 TONS BY SEPTEMBER 30 IS NEEDED AND CAN BE HANDLED BY TUNISIAN PORT AND STORAGE FACILITIES, ASSUMING AGREEMENT SIGNED IN JULY FOR ONE 20,000 TON SHIPMENT IN LATE AUGUST AND SECOND 20,000 TON SHIPMENT IN SEPTEMBER. ZARRAD INDICATED THAT SOME USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PORT FACILITIES BESIDES MODERN RECEPTION SILO  
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AT PORT OF LA GOULETTE MAY BE REQUIRED. (WE ARE PERSUADED THAT TUNISIAN PORT AND RELATED FACILITIES ARE QUITE ADEQUATE TO HANDLE THIS ADDITIONAL 40,000 TONS. WHILE SOME COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS APPARENTLY ARE PROGRAMMED FOR RECEIPT IN SAME PERIOD, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER--AND NORMAL BULK HANDLING CAPACITY A LA GOULETTE IS 2,000 TONS PER DAY--EVEN BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT FACILITY TUNISIA SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED IMPORTS SOMETIMES EXCEEDING 60,000

TONS MONTHLY).

3. ZARRAD ALSO ASSURED US HE UNDERSTOOD ALL ANTICIPATED FORMALITIES IN-  
CLUDING USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT; PROMISED TO PROVIDE DETAILED  
INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEPREFTEL, PARAGRAPH 2: QUOTE OTHER  
UNQUOTE) FOR COUNTRY TEAM CABLE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SIGNING OF  
AMENDMENT.

4. OUR CONVERSATIONS ON SUBJECT HAVE CONFIRMED GOT CONSCIOUS-  
NESS OF NEED FOR BOTH PARTIES TO MOVE MOST EXPEDITIOUSLY ON THIS  
MATTER. WE HAVE MADE POINT, INTER ALIA, WITH AMBASSADOR HEDDA.  
GIVEN THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN TUNISIA THIS MONTH ON VACATION,  
EMBASSY--PARTICULARLY ON NEED TO PREPARE FOR RAPID ACTION ON  
TENDER FOLLOWING SIGNING OF AGREEMENT.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROMPT RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION TO NEGO-  
TIATE; TRUST DIPLOMATIC FORMALITIES CAN BE COMPLETED EXPEDITIOUSLY  
THIS MONTH.  
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